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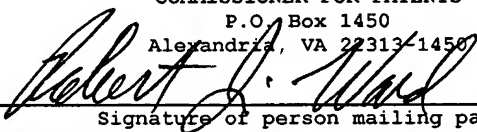
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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 TO RESPOND  
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 24, 2005**

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005.

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The Office Action established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. As such, the three-month shortened statutory time to respond was April 24, 2005. If this petition for a three-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due on July 24, 2005. Since July 24, 2005 falls on a Sunday, Applicant submits that the Amendment and Response is timely filed on or before Monday, July 25, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee for a three-month extension of time in the amount of \$510.00 for a small entity and any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and reference Attorney Docket No. 130042.1000. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.


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